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CAPACITY UTILIZATION OF DOMESTIC FERTILIZER INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total capacity utilization of the domestic fertilizer industry during 2000-2001;

(b) the extent to which it is higher as compared to previous year;

(c) whether the industry has attained the maximum capacity utilization; and

(d) if so, the expectations for the year 2001-2002?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)
(a)&(b) In 2000-01, capacity utilization of domestic fertilizer industry in nutrient terms i.e. nitrogen and phosphate was 94.9% and 87.1%, respectively. It was lower by 5.6% and 7.9% in case of nitrogen and phosphate respectively as compared to capacity utilization levels achieved in the preceding year.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. In 1997-98, the fertilizer industry had achieved maximum capacity utilization of 101.5% of nitrogen and 101.0% of phosphate. However, in 2001-2002, the capacity utilization is expected to be around 91% of nitrogen and 80% of phosphate.